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Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup> 97-

My Dear Uncle! -

I will just start a little Journal of this passage, as I know you will be interested to know how the ship gets along and what kind of weather we have on this voyage. It is now 6 a m and tow boat is along side and ship is all ready for sea except bending a few square sails which the Captain intends to do on the way down the bay. The crew are busy getting up the anchor by hand, as the engine is a little out of order and will take some little time to fix it. The run I think is all out of the crew by this time and they seem to be a pretty good looking set of men. The mate I don't think amounts to much, I don't think he was ever in as large a ship as the Dirigo before, and I am afraid he has bitten off more than he can chew. The second mate made



The last voyage with Captain Goodwin so he knows all about him. One of the sailors is sick in his room. He is sore from a fall he had when he first came aboard. He fell down in the hold while drunk. 7.25 a.m. Anchors are all up and pilot aboard. Ship started on her way down the bay in tow by the tug active.

9 a.m. Just opposite the Cliff House and can see the Ship St David bound for New York just starting out and if I am not the Jonah on this voyage I will bet you a good cigar or a bath at Anderson Springs that we will get to New York before she gets to New York.

10.45 Pilot and tow boat just left. Wind North West and blowing a fine breeze. Ship is steering due South and has about half her sails on. They are very slow in getting the sails on to her, on

account of the engine which we can not use. Captain Freeman our pilot had a little row with the mate. He didn't seem to know his business and the pilot gave him a little talking too. I think the ship is too large for him. The last thing the pilot said was that he pitied Capt Goodwin on this voyage with such a man as that fellow for mate.

12.25 All the square sails set and a fine fair breeze. Ship going about 10 knots and every thing looks bright for a fine passage. The St David is about 6 miles astern of us.

8.25 Breeze still continues fresh and is coming in quite strong puffs. Every thing is on the ship and quite a sea is running. Water rushes over the rail and a number of seas have broken onto the poop, which leaks very



badly and the Steward and  
cabin boy are busily mopping up  
the water in the cabin.  
The St David seems to be holding  
her own but don't think she  
is gaining on us any. We  
have made by the log 110 miles  
and are going at the rate of  
10 miles per hour. The breeze  
I think is a little stronger and  
is quite puffy. We had to take in the  
Main Top gallant staysail on account  
of some ropes giving away. Lost one  
of our pigs today took sick and died.  
Soon after we left I am sorry as a  
nice cold Sparrick and a bottle of  
beer would go fine off Cape Horn,  
but we have one pig left and  
if the beer holds out we will  
be all right. I have spent most  
of my time on deck today played  
a game of cards with Mrs Godwin,  
and I think will retire early  
tonight as I need up at half

past four this morning.  
Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> day at sea  
I got up this morning at half past  
six o'clock and had a fine breakfast  
at 8. The wind still continues fresh  
and I only hope it will hold out  
so until we can catch the trade  
winds. It is blowing quite brisk from  
the North West and we have made  
today 285 miles for our first days  
run. Our Latitude is 33.04 and Longitude 123.15.  
The ship has had every thing on her  
and it was a very pretty sight to  
see her. I wish you could be here  
with us I know you would enjoy  
it. We split the fore skysail last  
night and it is now on deck for  
repair. It will soon be up again.  
The Captain has got about half of the  
crew caulking the poop. It will take  
some little time to finish it,  
and we are anxious to get it done  
before we get any rain. The St  
David is not in sight today I think



We have left her behind us at any rate I hope so. The Captain and I went on a tour of inspection today went all over the ship and into all the rooms he does it every day. In the fore castle we found the sick sailor about the same we bathed him with liniment and I think he will be all right in a day or so. I unpacked some of the reading matter Mr Chesbrough was kind enough to give me I have any amount of all kinds of books and some very good reading. He had a game of cards this evening and then we all went on deck and had a long walk before retiring for the night.

Friday June 18<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> day at sea.

This day opened I am very sorry to say with very light winds from the N.W. It blew strong all last

night but this morning it has moderated our Latitude is 29-33 and Longitude 123-20. I am afraid we are going to have a spell of calm weather but let us hope for the best as I want to see this ship make a good passage this time.

Captain Goodwin tells me that at noon we were in the same Latitude that it took him 19 days to make San Francisco the last passage. We have made 211 miles today but the way it looks now if we make half that distance the next 24 hours we will be lucky. Crew are still at work on the poop.

Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> day at sea  
Latitude 27.56 Longitude 123.06 distance  
100 miles

Winds today N.W. first part moderate middle of the day light and latter part of day I am



sorry to say a dead calm and  
ship going about 2 miles per  
hour I forgot to mention that  
Friday afternoon about 1.35 P.M.  
the mate had the crew on the  
fore-castle deck getting the anchors  
on deck ready for rough weather  
and in doing so he made a bull  
of it and the captain went  
forward to give him a little  
help and instruct him how  
he wanted it done In fact  
the mate didn't seem to know  
how to go to work to handle  
the anchors and moved not  
he told he made some talk  
to the captain and walked away  
and left his work with the  
remark that one good man was  
enough on a job The Captain  
called him back gave him a  
talking to and the mate  
made a lot of talk back so the  
captain shut him up in his

room. In the latter part of the  
afternoon the captain went to his  
room and the mate was still  
impudent and Captain Goodwin  
has put him forward and  
made a sailor of him for  
incapability and insolence, and  
I think it was the only thing to  
do as he would never get  
along with him and it would  
only make trouble He has a  
good second mate and has  
made him mate and put one  
of the boat swain in second  
mate. We have moved 100 sacks  
of wheat today from forward  
to aft as the captain thought  
she would sail better

Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> day at sea  
I am afraid I am the Jonah on  
this trip as we still have it  
calm hardly a breath of air  
throughout the day. The ship



has made only 46 miles the last 24 hours and if we don't do better than this I am afraid you people at home will be getting worried about us.

Monday June 21<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> day at sea -

This day opened with calms and continued so till the middle part of the day when we had light airs from the N.N.E. and the latter part of the day a moderate breeze with the appearance of the N.E. trades which looks very encouraging. Our Latitude is 25.57 Longitude 123.10 Distance today 76 miles. I have spent the day with Captain Goodwin helping him make a chicken coop we have a lot of fine chickens but the only trouble with them they do not lay. I have closed them up with all kinds of hot food and today we were rewarded by getting four eggs. We moved the coop on the after

hatch and in fine weather let them out on deck. He played cards this evening had a long walk on deck and then went down and had a little bite and a bottle of beer and retired about 11.

Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> day at sea

On the opening of this day we had light winds and during the night it gradually worked into the N.E. trades and when I went on deck in the morning found quite a nice brisk breeze blowing and ship going about 8 miles per hour with every thing on her. We have made today 194 miles Latitude 28.03 Longitude 121.36 We are working on a shower bath and when it is finished I shall get under it every morning as we are getting down into pretty warm weather now. We got three more eggs today.



gave the steward two and he made some fine cake. Our fresh provisions gave out today, and we are now down to sea diet.

Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 7 days at sea. We still continue to have a fair breeze and pleasant weather. Have made today 204 miles. Latitude 19° 55' Longitude 120° 13' Winds N.N.E. We finished the shower bath and I tried it this morning for the first time it was out of sight and shall try it every day.

The hens still continue to lay and we got a few more eggs today. Another one of the sailors is complaining of being sick have dosed him up with medicine. The one that fell into the hold is on deck today, sewing on sails. I have moved my things into the large state room right aft of

the mates and have things fixed up very nice and homelike.

Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup> 8 days at sea.

We have made today 150 miles and our latitude is 17° 31' longitude 119° 30'. There has been a moderate breeze from the N.N.E. and the ship course has been South half East. The weather has been very fine and pleasant, but quite warmer than yesterday registered in the shade today 84. I trust we will be able to hold our North East trades until we get to the equator, a swell is coming in quite heavy from the southward which would seem to indicate that we will get our South East trades before a great while. Our sailor that fell into the hold is at work sewing on sails and will soon be all right and well enough to go aloft. Last night



another man came aft to see the Captain with a very long face and holding on to his side. He diagnosed his case and gave him a dose that ought to kill or cure. He went forward to the fore-castle a happy man and I guess he will be all right in a day or two. The men have been working today on the poop and putting chafing gear on the rigging. We had our usual game of cards in the evening, generally play three handed pitch, Mr Goodwin seems to be the high one so far on the passage. Took a long walk on deck and retired at 11-15

Friday June 25<sup>th</sup> 9 days at sea. We are gradually dropping off in our days run only 12 miles today. The wind is very

light from the N.N.E. and the ships course is South ~~East~~ half East our latitude is 15° 30', longitude 118.36. You see we are some ways off from the equator yet I am afraid we are going to get a spell of the doldrums. The weather has been very fine too fine to get any wind I am afraid about 86 in the shade. Our hens still continue to lay get four or five eggs every day. We are looking forward to have and Eggs on Sunday morning for breakfast.

Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> 10 days at sea. There has been nothing new happen today and we still continue to have very light winds and are dropping off in our days run only 88 miles the last twenty four hours latitude 14.02



Longitude 118.30 -

Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> day at sea  
This has been a regular Panama day very hot, with light winds all day long. I turned out this morning about 7 o'clock, had a fine shower bath and a little walk before breakfast, and spent a very quiet day reading etc. The ship has made 89 miles today. Wind has been ahead and we have been going on the starboard tack, as we can make more southern on that tack than we would on our port. Our Latitude is 12.33 Longitude 118.55. Our sick men have had a relapse, and we are running quite a hospital, one of our boatswains is laid up with fever and ague, another man is troubled with the tooth ache. The man that fell in the hold is complaining again of his side and is not good

for much as far as work goes. Another one is troubled with stomach worms. We have been putting the medicine into them and will bring them around all right in time. I suppose you took a drive to Small Point today. You must be getting fine summer weather in Bath by this time.

Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> day at sea  
The weather looks a little overcast and we have a very light breeze. Latitude 12.23 Longitude 118.55 and have made only 70 miles. We are getting a spell of the colds. Harry Young our Steward was married today and he put a little box aboard the ship to be opened on his wedding day. We broached it at the hour marked on the box and all drank the health of the bride and groom. We are getting about 9 eggs a day.



and they come in very handy  
I think I shall start a chicken  
ranch, as I have had great  
success with these hens.

We have made some ship games  
and manage to pass the days  
very pleasantly. Still have a  
head wind.

Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> day at sea  
It has rained about half of this  
day, and then cleared off fine  
and we have quite a fresh  
breeze, from the South, have  
made 170 miles Latitude 9° 44' Longitude  
116° 28' We tested the prop during the  
storm, and find it is tight. The  
sailors are at work scraping it.  
Carpenter is at work on the engine,  
has found the break and has  
fixed it. It was in the pump one  
of the bolts in the suction box  
had given out. The carpenter does  
not seem to understand

running and engine very well  
and I am afraid he is not  
much of a carpenter. He came  
aboard drunk and did not  
get over it until we were well  
at sea.

Wednesday June 30<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> day at sea  
We have had fresh to moderate  
breeze all this day, regular doldrums,  
rain showers during the day and  
wind changeable with quite a  
breeze now from the S. S. W.  
Our Latitude is 8° 12' Longitude 114° 44'  
The sailor that has been troubled  
with the tooth ache came aft this  
morning to have his tooth out.  
We pulled it all right and he  
went back feeling happy. The  
other men are about the same.  
Engineer got steam up this  
morning to test the engine  
it works all right. We had  
our usual game of cards and



~~and~~ retired about half past ten

Thursday July 1<sup>st</sup> 15 days at sea

We have made 126 miles the last 24 hours, but only 96 miles Southern. The wind has been dead ahead from South by East. South by West and South. Ship's Latitude today is  $6.36$  and Longitude  $113.54$ . Every thing is fine and pleasant so far as the weather goes but would like to see the wind a little more in our favor. Our sick men are getting along all right and will get them all on deck tomorrow at work.

Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 16 days at sea -

This day has been a great disappointment as far as making any head way towards the Equator. It has been what you might call a regular 16 to 1 breeze. That is to say we are sailing about 16 miles to make one in the right direction. The

wind has been very unsteady from S by E. to S by W. We tacked ship for the first time since we left port today at 5 P.M. to E. S. E. and again at 4 am to N. S. W. also at 11 am to S. E. by E. We have made 145 miles and of this only 33 has been in the direction, although we have a strong northerly current to contend with. The Dirigo Latitude today is  $6.03$  Longitude  $113.54$ . I had hoped we might get to the Equator 19 days out, which would be very good time, but the way it looks now I guess we will have to give it up unless the wind changes in our favor. Today I witnessed for the first time a ship tack and it was a grand sight I can tell you, but suppose you have seen them tack ship many times. When all is ready and the wheel hard down the wind catches the



Sails aback and then to hear  
the captain sing out main  
top sail haul and then see  
all the yards on the main  
and mizzen swing around  
all at once is a very pretty  
sight.

Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 17 days at sea  
This day opened about the same  
as yesterday baffling winds and  
dead ahead all the way from  
S by. N. to, S. by. E. Tacked ship  
at 9 am to N. S. N and have  
made only 23 miles Southern out  
of a total days sailing of 115 miles.  
I wonder if the St David is having  
as good luck as we are. Ship's  
Latitude is 5.39 Longitude 112.04  
and we have still 330 miles  
Southern to make before we  
reach the Equator. The weather  
has been fine but very hot  
and I find my white clothes

come in first night. I spent  
a good part of the day reading  
Took a climb up aloft to see how  
things looked and then sat  
out on the end of the bowsprit  
and smoked for a while. In  
the evening we had a Welsh  
Rabbit and some beer played a  
few games of Pitch, took a  
walk on deck with Mrs Goodwin  
then sat out on deck and smoked  
until 11 o'clock when I retired  
for the night.

Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> 18 days at sea  
Well here it is the 4<sup>th</sup> and I  
have been thinking of you  
all at home celebrating in  
a quiet way by taking a  
quiet drive to Small Point.  
I suppose your old Oak party  
comes off on Monday, as it  
would never do to hold it  
on the Sabbath as that famous



chase of yours would be apt  
to make too much noise  
after being shut up a whole  
year. It must have quite a  
loud smell by this time.  
I should very much like to drop  
in on you and drink your  
very best health. There is one  
member of the old party  
that won't turn up this  
year and I know how you  
will miss him on that day  
and that is your dear  
friend Mr Nichols. We passed  
a very quiet and pleasant day &  
got up this morning about 7  
o'clock took a nice shower bath  
as usual had a fine 4<sup>th</sup> of  
July breakfast of scrambled  
eggs and bacon and hot  
cakes with maple syrup. Spent  
the day in reading, walking etc.  
Mrs Goodwin does not like  
to have us play cards on

Sunday so we did away with  
our usual game. The only thing  
to mar the day is that we  
are not making any headway  
towards our destination. Have  
made only 45 miles Southern  
out of a total days sailing of  
115 miles - The wind has  
been S. S by E and S-S-E -  
first part of the day very light  
winds middle part a little  
stronger and latter part quite  
brisk trades. This is a very  
easy ship to work ~~to work~~, does  
not seem to lose any head-  
way in tacking and comes  
around like a pilot boat, but  
she is not much of a sailor  
in light breezes. She wants  
plenty of wind to send her  
along. She seems to be as  
stiff as an old shoe and  
is down fully as deep as  
she ought to be. don't



take much of a sea to  
wash over her rail.  
She has a fine large cargo  
in and trust she may  
be able to turn it out  
all @K. Have not pumped  
ship since we left San-  
Francisco. Well I will  
close this day by wishing  
you a pleasant 4<sup>th</sup>  
and going to my bunk -

Monday July 5<sup>th</sup> 19 days at sea -  
The good ship's Latitude this day is  
2° 53' and Longitude 115° 25'. We still continue  
to have fine pleasant weather, have  
made 186 miles of which 124 of it as  
been Southern only 113 miles more  
before we cross the Equator. The  
trades have been quite brisk at times  
during the day and every stitch has  
been <sup>on</sup> her with the yards braced sharp  
up. The crew have been busy over-  
hauling our heavy weather sails

and making new skysails, Sick men  
are all at work again. I tried my  
hand at cooking this afternoon  
made some fine molasses candy.  
It was pronounced as being all-  
right. Still continue to get about  
nine eggs a day and we are  
thinking seriously of killing one  
of our chickens for next Sunday  
dinner. Have not sighted a vessel  
since we left San Francisco.

Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup> 20 days at sea -  
This day opened with quite a brisk breeze  
and held out until the middle part of  
the day, when it died out to a  
moderate breeze. Have made 189 miles  
and 161 of it has been Southern.  
The wind has been S.E. and S.E. by E -  
and weather perfect not quite so  
hot as we have had it the past  
few days. There is quite a head sea  
running and it would seem  
as if there was some wind



to the Southward only 12 miles  
north of the Equator, will cross  
about half past one o'clock  
Our Latitude at noon today is  $00^{\circ} 12'$   
Longitude  $117^{\circ} 08'$ .

Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup> 21 days at sea  
I am pleased to write that at  
last we are south of the Equator  
crossed in  $117^{\circ} 08'$  making 20 days  
one and one half hours from  
San Francisco. The Captain consid-  
ers that this is not so bad a  
run. Now for a good run to  
leap horn our next point of  
interest. We have made 180 miles  
the last 24 hours with quite brisk  
trades the first part of day  
and moderate the latter part  
blowing from S.E. by E. E.S.E.  
and S.E. by E. Latitude  $2^{\circ} 48'$  Longitude  
 $117^{\circ} 43'$  We over run our patent Log  
30 miles I think it must have  
been on account of the head sea

and northerly current. The weather  
still continues to be fine, and we  
have a new moon which makes  
it delightful on deck in the  
evening, 5 bells have just  
struck and I guess I shall  
tumble in for the night.

Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> day at sea  
The day opened with quite brisk  
trades and continued so through-  
out the day winds S.E. and  
S.E. by E fine pleasant weather  
and have made 184 miles  
Latitude  $5^{\circ} 38'$  Longitude  $118^{\circ} 54'$   
I did not sleep very well last  
night and about two o'clock I  
thought I would go on deck  
and have a smoke. I found  
it was blowing quite fresh  
from the S.E. by E. and coming  
in strong puffs she was  
jumping into a big head sea  
and we clawed all the



skysails up The first time  
we have had to take in  
any sail since we left port.  
Well I had a good smoke  
and turned in again about  
three. I left both windows open  
in my room so as to make  
it as cool as possible I had  
just got asleep when I was  
awakened about 4.30 by a  
regular shower bath. She  
plunged into a big sea and  
it came in both my ports  
in torrents went right through  
my mattress and into my  
draws and soaked everything  
I have moved into one of  
the other rooms until things  
get dry again.

Friday July 9<sup>th</sup> 23 days at sea  
We are still having brisk trades  
all through the day, and it  
has been at times quite squally.

Winds S E by E. and S. E. Have  
made 187 miles Latitude  $8^{\circ}49'$   
Longitude  $119^{\circ}33'$ , cleared up all  
the skysails at 2.30 last  
night and put them on  
again this morning at  
3 o'clock the sheet parted on  
the fore stay sail, a splice  
was soon made and the  
sail on her again -

Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> 24 days at sea  
I am happy to say the trades  
are still blowing very fresh  
and we have made a good  
days run the best since we  
left San Francisco 230 miles  
Today our Latitude is  $12^{\circ}08'$  and  
Longitude  $121^{\circ}29'$  I don't believe  
the old St David is doing  
much better than this -



Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> 25 day at sea.  
Here it is Sunday again and another  
week gone. The weeks seem to slip  
by and we scarcely know where  
the time goes to. Every thing is  
running along smoothly with good  
brisk trades for which we are all  
truly thankful. We are plowing  
our way towards Cape Horn today  
at about the rate of 9 miles  
per hour Latitude  $15^{\circ} 03'$  Longitude  
 $123^{\circ} 16'$  With a total days run of  
211 miles. We all enjoyed our  
chicken dinner today. It hit the  
right spot all right. I turned  
out at 7 o'clock took a good  
shower bath and put on  
my Sunday clothes had a  
fine breakfast of tongues and  
scones, after breakfast we  
sat in the parlor for awhile  
talking and smoking and  
then Mrs Goodwin and myself  
had a long walk on deck  
and spent the rest of the day

reading etc. We always smoke  
with Mr Chesbrough on Sundays  
he gave the Captain a fine  
box of cigars before we  
left. Have had perfect  
weather the last twenty four  
hours and trust the fine  
breeze we have today will  
stay with us for awhile.  
You must be having fine  
weather at home now and  
suppose you have taken a  
number of spins to Small  
Point. Will close this day by  
turning in as it is getting  
late will go down and see  
what the mate has got on  
the table for his night.  
I shall take a little  
bite and drink a bottle of  
beer and turn in.



Monday July 12<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> day at sea  
This day opened with a moderate  
breeze from the E.S.E. and died  
down during the middle and  
latter part of the day to very  
light airs, have only made  
73 miles with a Latitude 16° 24'  
Longitude 123° 02' Suppose we  
have got to take things as they  
come. The sailors have finished  
one main Royal and Staysail  
and have bent some of our  
heavy weather sails. Nothing  
new to report today out of  
the ordinary ships life.

Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup> 27 days at sea  
Ships Latitude today 18° 47' and  
Longitude 125° 04' Distance sailed  
185 miles We are making a  
good deal western and if the  
wind doesn't let us head  
up better we will not be  
far from Pitcairn Island

when we pass it. The wind has  
been very unsteady today all  
the way from S.E. S.S.E. S.E. by S.  
Our course has not been much  
better than S. by S. Yards  
braced sharp up. The first  
part of the day we had a  
very moderate breeze and  
increased from then on to a  
strong breeze with rain squalls  
all night long. Had quite a  
heavy one at 9 o'clock in the  
evening and stayed with us  
for a couple of hours. I put  
on my oil skins and rubber  
boots and spent the time on  
deck while it was over.  
We took in all the Staysails, Royals  
and fore main and mizzen  
top gallant staysails and jib  
topsail. She stood it like  
an old Mayor and would  
have stood all her sail  
if they would have stayed



on her and not block away.  
When I left the deck at 11  
it had moderated and the  
squall had passed over  
I left them putting sail  
on to her again and retired  
for the night.

Wednesday July 14<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> day at sea  
Our breeze holds out pretty well  
This day opened with a good  
brisk breeze, middle and latter  
part of day rain squalls, wind  
unsteady both in force and direction  
S.E. S.E. by E and E.S.E.  
Latitude of Ship is 21° 46' Longitude  
126° 10' Distance 189 miles, I trust  
we will do as well tomorrow.  
I will say good night and retire  
for the night.

Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup> 29 days at sea -  
We have made this day 167 miles, Ship's Latitude  
24° 33' Longitude 126° 12'. The day opened with  
a brisk breeze from E.S.E. and fine  
pleasant weather. The middle part of the  
day the wind had hauled around more  
to the Eastward and very unsteady with  
frequent rain squalls, had to take in  
our Sky sails, Royals during the heaviest  
of them. Latter part of the day the wind  
moderated and we had light breeze  
from the East the rest of the day,  
with passing rain showers.

We were in the same Latitude as  
Pitcairn Island at noon only 225  
miles to the Eastward of it making our  
run to the Island 29 days, which I  
think is considered very good time.  
Capt Goodwin says his quickest time  
to the Island was made in the  
Sterling he was 32 days from S/F  
We also passed Ducie Island in  
Latitude 24° 40' and 124° 48' did not  
run near enough to sight it, we  
were about 60 miles to the Westward



of it. It is a small uninhabited Island about  $1\frac{3}{4}$  miles long and 1 mile wide of coral formation. It is a very low, height of soil above the island is about 12 ft and trees rise to 12 ft more, making its greatest elevation only 26 ft above the sea level and can only be seen 7 miles off, It is a dangerous Island to run very near especially in the night unless one is positive of his ships position at times water washes right over the Island, and I believe there were a couple of ships lost there years ago.

Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> 30 days at sea - Have run out of our trades, too far South for them now. We may have for wind from most any direction from now to Cape Horn. The prevailing wind from the North west. Today it has been all around the compass, all the way from

East, North East, North West, South South East, and it has been tacking and hauling all day long. We are in  $26^{\circ}13'$  and  $124^{\circ}31'$  distance made 145 miles Heavy rains and squally unsteady wind all day long have been on deck in my oil skins about all day. We had one quite heavy squall about ten o'clock had every thing off the ship except the courses, top and Lower Topsails and the Three Topmast Staysails. It lasted about an hour when we commenced to make sail again, leached about 800 gal of water. I don't know how long I shall be able to keep up my shower baths in the morning. It made me jump around quite a little this morning being so cold. Have packed away our chicken coop for rough weather. We have had it all along on the after hatch



but it was getting to wet for them so put it up under the fore castle head. They will not run around deck much more as there is too much salt water on deck for them.

Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> and 31 days out. We tacked ship several times during the day. Have had light unsteady winds throughout the twenty four hours South to South, South, East. Ship has made only 79 miles in the whole twenty four hours. 38 miles of this has been to the Southward. Over Latitude at noon today is  $26^{\circ}5'$  Longitude  $125^{\circ}$ . Nothing new has happened this day. We are whistling for more wind. I find that up to date we have made by observation 4651 miles which is a little more than quarter of our way. I trust we will continue to do as well if not better, which would let us

in port in about 120 days

Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> 32 days out - This is a beautiful day and nothing to mar it except the lack of wind, which has been unsteady and moderate all day long, S.S.E. and S by E. Have made 107 miles of which only 72 has been in a southerly direction. We find we are in  $27^{\circ}57'$  and  $126^{\circ}38'$ . Nothing new today, all hands well. Sailors all at work.

Monday July 19<sup>th</sup> 33 days at sea - Have had light winds throughout the day. Latitude  $29^{\circ}08'$  Longitude  $128^{\circ}08'$  distance 106 miles mostly to the westward, only 11 miles southerly. This looks bad for us and I hope there will be a change for the better before long. We are in the right Latitude for a North West breeze which we are looking for in vain.



Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup> 34 days out.  
Same old breeze today S.S.E. and  
S by E. We seem to be having a  
continuation of South East trades.  
They are hardly ever seen as  
far South as this, generally run  
out of them in about 24  
Our Latitude today is 29.47 and  
Longitude 126.55 distance 66 miles  
39 being in the right direction.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of July 35 days out  
Same old white ash breeze from  
S - S by E and S.S.E. with 88 miles  
to her credit mostly to the west-  
ward Latitude 30.24 Longitude  
125.55 Have been fishing today  
for Cape Horn Pigeons, They are  
not generally seen until we  
get down to about 40, but they  
joined us in about 30. You  
catch them with a fishing line  
baited with a piece of pork. I  
caught five of them also a

very large eel here I let them  
run around deck for a while  
and then let them go, as it  
is considered bad luck to kill  
them

Thursday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 36 days out  
This day opened with a light unsteady  
breeze from the South East and  
ended with a light breeze from  
the North west which we hope has  
come to stay. I am afraid the past  
six days work has taken the cream  
off our entire run from San -  
Francisco. In the whole six  
days we have only made 240  
miles Southern and we are  
a few miles to the westward  
of where we were six days ago.  
We find ourselves today in 31.07  
and 125.35 distance 54 miles  
Have made only 43 miles Southern  
in the whole twenty four hours  
but now we have struck our



North west breeze I trust. That  
I may be able to report better  
work from now on -

Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 37 days out -

We are in this day 32.27 and 124.33 and have  
made only 96 miles of which 50 miles has  
been Southern. Our course has been  
East half South and East South East  
with the wind from the N.W. S.W. and  
South. The wind has been light and  
unsteady all this day with frequent  
rain squalls during the latter part of  
the day. There was quite a heavy swell  
on last night and ship rolled a great  
deal, it was all most impossible for  
one to get asleep as you would roll  
from one side of your bunk to  
the other. The Captain has had made  
for me what the sailors call a  
Dutch wife. The name being rather  
suggestive I had better explain. They  
are two rolls of canvas the length  
of your bunk and about 8 inches

in diameter stuffed with oakum.

You place one on each side of  
you and they will keep you  
from rolling around in your  
bunk. I find mine works fine  
and I have a fine sleep no  
matter how much she may  
roll. You must have made a  
trip down river with the boys  
on the Juno before this, I wonder  
if you worked the doughnut game  
on them and how you came  
out. We play it in the evening once  
in awhile.

Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup> 38 days at sea -

Have made 186 miles the last twenty  
four hours 83 miles of which was  
Southern Latitude 33.50 Longitude  
121.14 There is a heavy swell coming  
in from the S.W. and a good  
strong breeze from the South East  
It is rather puffy and during the  
night we took in our skysails and



Staysails and towards morning  
the fore royal.

Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup> 39 days at sea  
We still have a very heavy beam  
swell running winds South  
and course East South East have  
made 210 miles and are in  
35° 50' and 117° 44' Sails are all  
set and every thing going along  
fine. My wives work fine and  
I have them with me every  
night nothing like being married  
when she rolls this way.

Monday July 26<sup>th</sup> 40 days out  
Our run this day has been 151 miles  
of which 99 has been Southern  
Latitude 37° 29' Longitude 115° 24' Winds  
South South West and West  
moderate during first and middle  
part of day, with a good brisk  
breeze the latter part frequent  
mist squalls, every thing set.

Tuesday July 27<sup>th</sup> 41 days out  
From noon until midnight of this  
day we have very squally weather  
with frequent rain showers. 9 P.m.  
hauled all the light sails. 11 P.m.  
Top Gallant Sails and 12 P.m. cross Jack.  
Ship is making 10 and 11 knots her  
course is East South East and East  
with the winds from West South West  
There is plenty of water on deck, but  
she is as stiff as an old shag, Steers  
like a pilot boat and behaves beautifully.  
From midnight until noon the breeze  
freshened up for about a couple  
of hours hauled main sail, it  
moderated towards morning and  
the Top Gallant Sails were set  
again Ship making by log 10 and  
11 miles heavy swell running  
Was on deck until half past two  
The weather is getting quite cool  
We have started a fire in cabin  
stove. Gave up my shower bath  
We are all fixed now for heavy



weather and we are in the  
right Latitude for it now I  
don't care how hard it may  
blow if it only comes in the  
right direction. You could not  
be in a better ship to stand a  
blow, have not used the pumps  
since we left, she is going  
to be very wet on deck, I can  
see that by what we have had  
already, but from what I hear  
from the Sailors who are most  
all Englishmen and spent most  
of their lives in steel vessels  
They tell me she is very dry for  
a iron ship, Every one uses the  
the after companion door now  
the forward doors are locked  
up for good until we get  
around the Horn into good  
weather again. The whole watch  
are on the poop at night it  
is so wet on the main deck  
The course we are now making

would bring us to the Strait of  
Magellan we want to go about  
 $4\frac{1}{2}$  degrees South of there. Have  
made 255 miles today and our  
Latitude is  $39^{\circ}46'$  and Longitude  
 $110^{\circ}51'$

Wednesday July 28<sup>th</sup> 42 days out.  
This day opened with a strong breeze  
from the S. S. W. Every thing set  
at 4 P.M. Hauled the Royals and  
Staysails at 6 P.M. and at 8  
the Fore Top Gallant Staysail. Midnight  
very fresh breeze and puffing and  
a heavy swell from the Eastern -  
Winds very unsteady both in force  
and direction Our course is about  
East and we are making by the  
Log 9 and 10 miles. Took in  
main and mizzen Top Gallant Sails  
at 5 am Towards noon the  
wind shifted around more  
to the Southward we are still making  
over 10 miles. The day soon has



been 219 miles Latitude  $41^{\circ} 01'$   
Longitude  $106^{\circ} 20'$

Thursday July 29<sup>th</sup> 43 days out -  
Our breeze holds out and it  
freshened up a little towards  
noon 1 P.M. reefed main sail  
and took in Fore and Mizzen  
Top Gallant Sails, Winds during  
the day were from S. S.E. S.S.W.  
course about East, Very heavy  
swell from E.S.E. making 8 and  
9 miles by the log. After midnight  
wind moderated set main Top  
mast Stay sail and flying jib  
and towards morning set all  
sails course E by S wind  
South, making 8 miles

Our run for the day has been  
203 miles Latitude  $42^{\circ} 16'$  Lon  $102^{\circ} 25'$   
There has been lots of water on deck  
Sea's break right over the rail  
and also over fore castle deck  
Have had my oil skins on all

day weather very cool, retired at  
12 o'clock

Friday July 30<sup>th</sup> 44 days out -  
This day opened with a fine breeze, towards  
evening wind backed around into the North  
west, and at midnight we had a good  
breeze but very thick and raining  
hard. Our course the first part of the  
day was East by South half South, with the  
winds from South West and North West  
making by the log 7 and 8 miles an  
hour. The morning came in with  
a good stiff breeze, hauled Fore and  
Mizzen Top Gallant Sails, about 10 am  
it cleared up and all sails were  
set, making 8 and 9 miles by log  
course E by S wind N.W. - Our  
distance sailed this day has been  
175 miles, Latitude  $44^{\circ} 21'$  Longitude  
 $99^{\circ} 17'$  I made a Welsh Rabbit this  
morning on the oil stove in chart  
room we all ate so much that  
we did away with our dinner.



It is getting very cold now and  
our fire feels good I can tell  
you. We have rain most every  
day and it is dark at 5 o'clock  
I hope we may do as good  
the next fine days as we have  
done the last. I suppose the  
Shenandoah must be North  
of us by this time. If she  
isnt she is having a hard  
chance as a ship would make  
very little Northern with the  
breeze we have had for the  
past few days.

Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup> 45 day at Sea  
Ships Latitude this day is 46.58 Longitude  
95.35 have made a good days run  
222 miles The first part of day we had  
fine clear weather with all sail set  
towards evening set in squally and rainy  
wind N. N. W. course East by South  
half South Took the Staysails in at  
6 P.M. at midnight we still had

fine weather but towards morning it  
shut down thick and rainy all sails  
set at noon

Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup> 46 days out  
This has been the best days run since  
we left 266 miles Our Latitude is 49.35  
Longitude 90.28. From noon until 4 P.M.  
we had squally rainy weather all  
sails were set, at 6 P.M. took in  
Staysails and Staysails and Royals  
7 P.M. reefed Fore and Mizzen Top  
Gallant Sails and took in cross jack  
She was more than plowing her  
way towards old Cape Horn. I timed  
her for awhile and she made  
12 knot. From 12 until noon we  
had a strong steady breeze at 5 am  
set cross jack and took reefers out  
of Top Gallant Sails at 8 o'clock it  
freshened up again and the Fore  
and Mizzen Top Gallant Sails were  
taken in and we reefed the  
Main Sail making 11 knots



Monday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 47 days out  
All this day rainy and squally, It  
let up a little at 8 P.M. and  
we set the Fore Top Gallant Sail  
10 P.M. Set Mizzen Top Gallant Sail  
after midnight wind moderated  
1 am set main Royal and main  
Top Gallant Staysail Towards night  
wind hauled dead aft. Have  
made 228 miles Latitude 51.58  
Longitude 87.16, by next Sunday I  
hope I may be able to report  
being around the Cape all well  
We are right in the track of  
vessels now but have not seen  
a sail since we left, weather  
cold and rainy. Sun has not  
been out hardly any for four  
days

Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 48 days out  
We have made 223 miles The last  
24 hours Latitude 53.51 Longitude 86.50  
It has been rainy and squally all

day long with a very heavy swell  
running and she scoops the  
water in over the rails on both  
sides as she rolls, we are making  
10 knot about 4 am had a  
heavy squall lasted a couple of  
hours had every thing off of  
the ship except the three lower  
topsails and Fore Sail after the  
squall the wind died out  
and sail was made again  
The barometer fell during the  
day 6/10 The Captain has not  
had an observation for five  
days but we are making good  
time and I trust she will  
keep it up -

Wednesday August 4<sup>th</sup> 49 days out  
Our Latitude this day is 55.31 Longitude  
78.41 We have made 154 miles. From  
noon until 8 P.M. light breeze and  
cloudy, towards midnight rain and  
hail set in and the breeze freshened



up a little, 11 P.M. handled all  
the skysails, making an East course  
with the Wind West by North. Log  
registered 6 & 7 miles per hour.  
After midnight weather looks very  
threatening with the barometer  
falling fast at 1 am handled  
Main Royal and Fore Top Gallant  
Sail 6 am wind increased so  
the Main Top Gallant Sail was taken  
in, we were then making by the  
log 8 miles per hour, Barometer  
had fallen to 29, course East  
Winds West by North. Weather  
very cold and regular Cape Horn  
swell on. We killed our pig  
today and <sup>had</sup> some fine pork chops  
for supper, will live on pork  
now three times a day until  
the pig is gone

Thursday Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 50 days out  
Latitude this day is 57 Longitude  
73.36 have made another good

days run, we credit the good ship  
with 233 today and if we can  
only keep this gait up we will  
soon be past the land of the  
midnight sun. Diego Ramirez  
bore this afternoon North West  
about 70 miles a good many  
ships sight the Islands but as  
the weather looks bad and barom-  
eter still falling he decided to give  
it a good berth. They are a cluster  
of great barren rocks four or five  
miles long I saw these same  
rocks that Captain M<sup>c</sup>Loon  
lost his ship, went ashore in  
a thick fog just because he  
got too near to them and it  
shut down thick.

From noon until 8 P.M. we had a  
strong breeze from North West at 2  
P.M. handled Main Royal and  
Fore Top Gallant Sail 4 P.M. handled  
Main Top Gallant Sail and put a  
reef in the three Top Sails and



Fore Sail, blowing hard barometer  
down to 28.70 still falling we  
were steering East and East by  
North making 10 & 11 miles by  
log plenty of water on deck and  
sea's breaking over the poop.  
At midnight ~~night~~ wind still  
increasing and comes in very  
heavy squalls. The ship has  
on reefed Topsails and reefed  
Foresail making E by N and  
E-N-E. course with the wind from  
N-W. 10 & 11 miles by log.

Tomorrow we will pass old Cape  
Horn making 49 1/2 days from  
San Francisco which is con-  
sidered very good work.  
Now for a good run to the Equator  
and then to look in about 100  
days. Captain Goodwin says  
he should not be surprised  
to get a gale of winds out  
of this. Aught to see a vessel  
tomorrow as we will be right

in their track.

Friday August 6<sup>th</sup> 51 days at sea.

We have passed the Cape all right,  
have not lost a sail. Sighted an English  
Barge and a large four masted  
English ship at noon all the sail the  
ship had on was a lower main Topsail  
Spanker and Jigger Staysail. The Barge  
had on Fore and main Lower Topsails  
Staysails and reefed Spanker. They  
were both bound probably to Frisco  
and if this wind holds out this  
way I am afraid they will be a  
long time getting any where with  
the little sail they had and the  
head wind. The Dirigo had on  
at the time we sighted these vessels  
very thing except Royals and  
Skysails and was more than  
plowing her way around the  
Cape with a fine fair wind.  
We have made this day 130 miles.  
Latitude 57.35 Longitude 48.10



Saturday Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 52 days out -

Our Latitude this day is  $56^{\circ}25'$

Longitude  $64^{\circ}52'$ , Distance 130 miles.

From noon until 8 P.M. we had a light breeze, set all Top Gallant Sails also main and Mizzen Royal, at 11 P.M. handled all the Royals, weather looks bad,  $28.70$  is the register on barometer it is rainy, foggy and almost a dead calm ship now making only 2 miles by log. After midnight we had the wind from South East and blowing hard, 4 am handled Top Gallant Sails and reefed the Foresail, 5 am wind increased to a gale with a big sea running with plenty of water on ships deck also breaking over the poop, handled the upper Topsails and reefed the staysails, ship has now on her the three Lower Topsails, reefed staysail and reefed Foresail has a fair wind and is more than jumping into the big head seas, she is making through it all 10 miles

by the log and behaves splendid.

4 P.M. we reefed the Fore and main upper Topsails and set them 8 am shook the reef out of Foresail and set Mizzen upper Topsail, very strong breeze and squally, we are making 10 + 11 miles by the log. Wind is from S.S.W. course N.E. by N. The seas seem to increase they are the largest I have ever seen, I should say they were 18 to 20 feet high. From midnight until daylight Sunday strong breeze set all sails at daylight winds S.W. course N.E. by N making 10 miles by log. Sunday afternoon a sea struck the bridge between the main and Mizzen mast broke it down and washed it around decks for awhile very heavy sea running about the same time another sea struck us and stove in the starboard quarter boat, smashed in four or five planks and



part of gunwale. The weather is  
very cold and it has been raining  
hailing, and snowing most all  
day. Men complaining about there  
not being any stove in Fore castle  
The Captain says he will have to  
have a fire built in the Engine  
room and dry there things as  
every thing is wet in fore castle  
The upper bunks the water drips down  
and keeps there mattress wet all  
the time, it is the sweat from the  
iron in cold weather that makes  
it. We have two men laid up  
one hurt is knee we put a  
bandage on it and he is in  
his bunk, the other is our EX Mate  
Mr Baxter who I think has got  
a dose of Syphilis he is not any  
good as a sailor or anything  
else. I have run Saturday and  
Sunday in to one, Am run  
for Sunday made 230 miles, which  
is a fine run going through

heavy seas that she did, and carrying  
the water on deck, Am Latitude  
now is 53.54 Longitude 59.17

Monday Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 54 days out  
We have had a fine brisk breeze  
all this day made 180 miles  
winds South to South West all  
sails set, making 9 x 10 miles  
by log have had Snow squalls  
all day long, men have  
been drying there bedding  
in Engine room, Captain  
says he will have to get a  
stove for fore castle. During  
the gale the only water that  
got in after house was the  
water room and hall way  
we had the doors to after house  
all caulked but the sea would  
strike the doors and force  
its way through. Latitude this day 51.57 Longitude  
55.30, hope we will keep this up



Tuesday August 10<sup>th</sup> 55 days out.  
We have made this day 240 miles Lat 48.38  
Longitude 51.59. The first part of the day  
we had fine weather and a mod-  
erate breeze, from N.N.W. Logged 9 and  
10 miles, course N.N.E. at 8 P.M.  
Wind freshened up and we handled  
Sky Sails, Royals and Staysails.

From midnight to daylight snow  
squalls and good stiff breeze from  
North West making by log 10 and 11  
miles 3 am handled fore and  
mizzen Top Gallant Sails, towards  
morning it moderated set all  
sails snowing hard had to shovel  
it off the poop

Wednesday August 11<sup>th</sup> 56 days out  
Our Latitude this day is 46.20 Longitude  
48.45, have made 191 miles. The first  
part of this day strong breeze with  
snow and rain making 10 miles by  
log with the wind from the west  
The latter part of day wind died out

to almost a calm then making 5  
miles by log with all sail set

Thursday August 12<sup>th</sup> 57 days out  
175 miles is our days run Lat 44.37  
Longitude 45.34. Up to 6 o'clock almost  
a dead calm, what little wind we  
had was from North West making 2  
miles per hour, course N.E. by N.  
From 8 until midnight fresh breeze  
and puffy, coming from N.N.W.  
making 7 and 8 miles now, latter  
part of day strong breeze from N.W.  
making 10 and 11 miles 2 am  
handled Sky Sails, Royals and Staysails

Friday August 13<sup>th</sup> 58 days at sea  
Latitude 42.59, Longitude 42.40 Distance  
160 miles. First part of this day strong  
breeze and for 11 hours she logged 11 3/4  
miles per hour with the wind  
by a beam, sighted an English 4 mast  
ship off the lee bow, we were  
running up on her board and



first and at 1 am we passed her  
middle and latter part of day wind  
fell almost to a calm, with what  
little air we had from the East  
and our friend seems to be coming  
up on us slowly she is about 5  
miles to the South West of us, at  
2 o'clock she came near enough  
for the Captain to signal her  
We find she is the British Ship  
Waterloo from Vancouver for  
Glasgow 75 days out allowing 10  
days from Vancouver to Frisco  
we have bested her 8 days.  
The day ends with light breeze  
from East rain and snow.

Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup> 59 days out  
Lat 41.08, Longitude 43.25 Distance 150  
miles First part of day light breeze  
from E.S.E. making 5 and 6 miles  
Latter part wind from all parts of  
Compass S.E. E. N.E. and N.N.E.  
Tacked ship to East at 3 am, and

again at 7 to N.N.W. sighted our  
friend again this day about 12  
miles from us, The wind is  
increasing and I guess we will  
say good bye to him for good  
as his ship isn't in it with the  
Dirigo

Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> 60 days out  
This day opens with a strong N.E.  
breeze and I am afraid we will  
make a poor showing as it is  
dead ahead for us, at noon the  
wind had increased so the three  
upper Top Sails and main Sail  
were taken in, at 4 P.M. wore  
ship to E by S on port Tack, blowing  
hard now and heavy sea running  
sea's breaking over rail and decks  
half full of water, Barometer  
falling Making by log 1 mile  
per hour. After midnight we  
had a fresh gale with plenty  
of rain, snow, and hail, all



the canvas ship has on is three lower Topsails with a reefed Foresail and three staysails we are making an East South East course with the wind from N.E. and logging only 2 miles per hour, she behaves fine through it, quite a lot of water got into cabin and mates room, the seas breaking up against the doors then leaking through, ship has not made any water since we left.

Monday August 16<sup>th</sup> 61 days at sea.  
Latitude 41.22, Longitude 41.11, Distance 71 miles, The day opened with a strong breeze from N.N.E. and N.N.W. very squally at times, we are making about an East course, In the evening it moderated so the three staysails were set, but freshened up at midnight hauled all light sails and three upper topsails, making only 2 miles

by log, 6 am it let up a little set the three top-sails, 8 am set top-gallant sails, (Barometer registered 29.50)

Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup> 62 days out  
Latitude 40.19, Longitude 39.57, Distance only 90 miles, Winds baffling all this day from North to South West very heavy rain, thunder and lightning during the middle part of day

Wednesday August 18<sup>th</sup> 63 days out  
Latitude 38.40, Longitude 38.30

Moderate breeze this day from S.S.W. weather getting warm again have made 120 miles, all sail set

Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup> 64 day out  
Latitude 36.39, Longitude 36.39  
Distance 150 miles Moderate breeze throughout the day with all sail set heavy rain during middle part pleasant latter part



Friday August 20<sup>th</sup> 65 days out  
I had hoped to make 30 inside  
of 65 days and there was  
a good chance of our making  
it but for the miserable  
chance we have had the  
last five days, making only  
535 miles. Captain Goodwin  
says the best time he ever  
made from San Francisco  
to 30 was 65 days -  
We still continue to have very  
moderate breeze with plenty  
of rain. Latitude this day 35° 09'  
35° 16', with only 104 miles to our  
credit.

Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup> 66 day out  
Latitude 33° 03', Longitude 35° 48'  
Distance 140 miles. First part of  
day light breeze, middle part  
quite strong and squally latter  
part very little wind rain,  
thunder and lightning, all sails set.

Had one of the sailors cut my hair  
today, we are getting ready for  
hot weather have stopped the  
fire in cabin, and are having  
kind of a drying out, Paid  
the sailor for the hair cut with  
a lb of tobacco and a drink  
of whiskey and he went  
forward happy.

Sunday Calm 66 miles Lat 32° 36' Long 34° 37'

Monday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 68 days out  
Latitude 30° 25' Longitude 32° 12'  
have made a fair day run 190  
miles full sail set all this  
day, with good breeze from N.W.  
and S.W. frequent rain showers  
during the day. The Captain  
says we ought to see some  
vessels

Tuesday August 24<sup>th</sup> 69 day out  
Latitude 29° 38', Longitude 31° 22'  
only 64 miles this day, Calm  
and raining all day long



I will be glad when we get  
out of these doldrums and  
get our South East trades

The latter part of the day leapt  
Goodwin signaled Ship J. B.

Walker bound from Philadelphia  
to Japan, He asked to be  
reported all well

Wednesday Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 70 days out  
Latitude 28.30, Longitude 30.10  
have made only 86 miles

Light airs from S. W. to East  
Rain showers first part of day  
fine pleasant weather the middle  
and latter part, We have a  
friend in company a Bark  
not near enough for us to  
signal She is bound home  
and is running up on the  
in this calm we are making

Thursday Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 71 days out  
Latitude this day 27.57 Longitude 30.00, Very

light airs throughout this day from S. E.  
to N. W. E. About noon our friend had  
gained on us so much that we  
signaled him. He got his letters  
all right but could not find  
his name in the book. She is a  
good size German Steel Bark, I  
think she can beat us in light  
airs, She has been gaining on  
us all day long. I am in hopes  
it will breeze up so we can show  
her what we can do, about 4  
P.M. sighted another bark off our  
port bow She is Iron and looks  
like a German. We have only  
made 55 miles this day fine weather  
but no wind. I commenced  
taking my shower bath this  
morning the water is a little cool  
yet, Nothing new to write all  
hands are well and at work.

Friday Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 72 days at sea  
Latitude 26.24, Longitude 28.47, Distance 150



Moderate breeze this day from North, N.N.W. and N.W. Our friends are about abreast of us and we are all three steering the same course, if the wind only increases a little I think we can down them, caught a fine large dolphin this afternoon had a chowder for dinner and will have some fried for breakfast, also gave the sailors a good meal off of him

Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> 73 days at sea Latitude 22.24, Longitude 27.46 a good run today 227 miles. The day came in with a moderate breeze from N.W. 4 p.m. shifted to South and later to S.E. giving us a fine fair breeze the remainder of the day, all sail set. The latter part of the day we passed a large four mast ship steering E.S.E. she had a head wind and

had nothing above her Topsails set. We are kind of doing our two friends we have left one altogether the other seems to be holding her own, but I think the Dirigo is the best ship in this breeze. Well I guess I will have a pigs foot and a bottle of beer then turn in

Sunday Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 74 days out - Another good days run 220 miles Latitude 19.09, Longitude 28.03

First part of day fine strong breeze from S.E. latter part rain & squalls hauling the wind from S.E. to East. The day ends with a moderate breeze, I trust these South East trades will continue to blow as fresh as they started in, so as to give us a chance to make up for the ten days of doldrums we have had. We have a chance yet to make a good showing to



the equator, which I trust we may be able to do. The captain pulled three teeth today. It is getting firm on deck we have a new mason & Mrs Goodson and I generally walk for an hour every evening. Saturday the captain started the carpenter on your rustic seat, I was very much disappointed when I examined the wood it is not much like ashes seat is made of. There were only two pieces of curly cedar in the whole lot the remainder being almost straight grain cedar however the old carpenter will do the best he can he is not much good so you must not expect much. I had a great mind not to have him try it at all. Thought of sending the wood to Bath and let you look at it and then if you saw fit have

it made up there. Have left our friends behind -

Monday August 30<sup>th</sup> 75 days at sea  
Brisk trades with frequent rain showers during first and middle part of the day. Latter part fine pleasant weather 9 + 10 miles by log all sail set  
We find we are in 15.53 Latitude and 27.58 Longitude with another good run to our credit 200 miles.

Tuesday August 31<sup>st</sup> 76 days out  
Let the good work go on, and we will make the Equator inside of 80 days. This day gives us 218 miles Latitude 12.17 Longitude 27.26  
Fresh brisk trades all this day with every thing on her -

Wednesday Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 77 days out  
Another good days run of 204 miles  
First part strong trades, middle part rain showers with not much wind  
Latter part fine trades every thing set



Latitude  $8^{\circ}53'$ , Longitude  $27^{\circ}40'$

Weather getting very warm and  
we all have on as little clothing  
as possible, sew all well  
and at work painting  
Every thing going along all O.K.

Thursday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 78 day at sea  
Still another good run 214 miles  
fine trades all this day with every  
thing set, N.W. current of 25  
miles with us this day, Lat  $5^{\circ}23'$   
Longitude  $28^{\circ}20'$ . The old carpenter has  
just finished your rustic seat  
making 5 days he has been  
to work on it, he isn't any good  
and I am afraid you will be  
disappointed when you receive  
the seat, the wood is very poor  
We have it on the poop and  
will use it during the fine  
weather

Friday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 79 days at sea  
Our trades are not as strong today  
have made a fair days run 178  
miles Latitude  $2^{\circ}30'$  Longitude  
 $28^{\circ}53'$  (80 in the shade)  
The captain opened the mid ship  
hatch this morning and we  
took a look at the cargo, it  
looks fine what we could see  
of it, not a particle of damage  
and I don't see any reason  
why she should not turn  
out a perfect cargo.

Saturday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 80 days out  
We crossed the Equator today at 10 am  
making 79 days from Frisco, in looking  
up the passages from the Equator to England  
in the several sailing directions we find  
that the average passage is 42 days, that  
will let us in look in 120 days if we  
have any chance at all. Our Lat  
this day is  $00^{\circ}14' N$  Longitude  $29^{\circ}04'$  Wind  
has been very moderate today The Sun



only gives us 143 miles. Our course has been N by E  $\frac{3}{4}$  E, with the wind from the E. S. E. - Log has given us 5-6-7 miles per hour. It has been very hot 95 in shade. In the afternoon sighted a Steam Ship she was steering N. E. by N. She got near enough for us to signal him we asked him to report us all well. So you will hear of us in a few days

Sunday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 81 days at sea  
Lat 2° 44' Longitude 29 Moderate trades throughout This day have made 150 miles, all sail set

Monday Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 82 days out  
We have a little better breeze today have made 188 miles, Latitude 5° 43' Longitude 28° 06' at 3 p.m. passed a bark steering N. N. W. also sighted a Steam Ship bound S. W. Sail in sight on our starboard bow

Tuesday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 83 days at sea  
Lat 8° 05' Longitude 27° 43' Distance 141 miles from noon until 10 p.m. fine weather and moderate breeze from the South, Ship steering N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E. and log gives us 4-5 and 6 miles per hour. After 10 p.m. squally and heavy rains, light baffling wind the remainder of day. Sighted a barkentine bound South 95 in shade This day Mrs Goodwin and I nacked for an hour and half this evening then took a shower bath, spent the evening on deck in my pajamas. We have fine moonlight evenings the mornings and evenings are the best part of the day

Wednesday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 84 days out  
Latitude 10° 14' - Longitude 27° 29' have only made 129 miles, first part



we had the wind from the south, thunder and heavy rain. Middle part wind S-W. to W very light breeze. We have a Danish bark in company signalled the bark but her letters are not in the Captains book they are N.F.V.W. She is from Macassa bound to Amsterdam and is 84 days out. She is light loaded we are leaving her just. She cant beat the Dirigo even with this little breeze. Passed a couple of steamers in the afternoon we signalled one but think he was too far away to get it.

Thursday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 85 days out

Our Latitude this day is 11° 28' Longitude 27° 42'

have made only 74 miles. Very light and unsteady winds calm and rain showers through the entire day. We sighted several

steam ships during the day, also passed a large steamer ship towing a hull bound south, crew are all busy getting ship in order for port. One of the sailors is making me a model of the Dirigo, if it turns out all right, it will look well in the office. The Captain has found a good job for our ex-mate Mr. Carter. He is scraping the decks & walked for a couple of hours this evening. Retired at 11 o'clock.

Friday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 86 days at sea. Another calm day with all sail set we have made but 64 miles. It has been light baffling airs from S.W. to N.W. with rain showers throughout the entire day. Latitude 12° 34' Longitude 27° 30'

Saturday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 87 days out. Soon in hopes we will make a better showing the next few days.



as the doldrums left us the latter part of the day and the N.E. trades came in and gave us a good brisk breeze. The first and middle part of day light baffling airs with plenty of rain, wind from S.W. to N.W.W. latter part we had a heavy rain squall and wind shifted right around into N.E. giving us a fine brisk breeze which I trust will put us in 30 before it leaves us. Our Latitude today is  $13^{\circ}59'$  Longitude  $28^{\circ}27'$  Distance 85 miles all sail set except during the heavy squall throughout the entire day.

Sunday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 88 days on the ocean. This has been a perfect tropical day and I wish you could have spent the afternoon with us on the poop of the Dirigo. I know you would enjoy it. I could give you a clay pipe and

a bottle of beer, but my whiskey gave out some time ago. The trades have been very moderate throughout the day but still they are a little better than the day before with all sail set we have made 152 miles. Our Latitude is  $15^{\circ}31'$  Longitude  $30^{\circ}32'$

Monday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 89 days out. The weather still continues fine and looks as if we should have fine trades for this season of the year. The sun gives us 184 miles this day all sail set every thing going along all O.K. Lat  $17^{\circ}57'$  Longitude  $32^{\circ}30'$  We are not heading up quite as much as we would like to making about N by N  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. with the yards braced sharp up. We would like to make a N by E course.



Tuesday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 90 days at sea  
We are getting a little stronger  
trades each day, with all sail  
set we have made 199 miles  
which we consider is very good  
work, as she is braced sharp.  
up Latitude 20° 47' Longitude 34° 20'  
I am going to give her 20 days  
from now until we reach  
port. we are about 2000  
miles from our destination,  
and with the breeze we have  
now if we could hold it for  
10 days and have it just the  
right way for us to make our  
course we could be in port  
in 10 days from now. Our  
largest 10 days run on this passage  
was 2400 miles. We have got  
another spell of doldrums to  
go through and can't tell  
how long we may be detained  
there but trust we will have  
as good luck as the last we

passed through. I am going to  
buy a chart of the world when  
we arrive, and will mark  
this passage and the last  
one of the Dirigo. It will be  
very handy to hang up in  
the office to look up the ships  
when they are spoken etc

Wednesday Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 91 days out  
I turned out this morning about  
five o'clock. The captain called  
me said there was a bark in  
sight bound south and would  
pass very near us. She passed  
under our quarter near enough  
for us to read her name with  
the glass. Bark St Mary hails from  
New York, she had a deck load  
of lumber. Captain Goodwin  
said he was mate of her  
when she was new. Have had  
very strong trades throughout the  
entire day and have a good days



run to our credit 228 miles  
all sail set through the day  
Latitude 24.25 Longitude 35.31  
all well and every body happy

Thursday Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 92 days out  
From noon until 8 p.m. fresh breeze from  
E. N.E. Ship making a N by E course  
with every thing set, Log has given her  
8 and 9 miles per hour, Latter part  
of day wind light making 5 and  
6 miles by log, Our total days run  
is 184 miles Latitude 27.28 Longitude 35.44. The ship is going to look very  
well going into port the bailed  
oil gave out, a barrel marked  
bailed oil which Capt Goodwin got  
from Saltaire, proved to be tar, but  
he had enough to give her a  
coat of black on outside of bulwarks  
and bulwarks inside painted white  
he just had enough to finish  
all the deck work Sailors are  
at work scraping main deck

They have scraped top gallant masts  
oiled lower mast and tared  
down all the rigging.

Friday September 17<sup>th</sup> 93 days out  
Fine clear weather with light breeze  
from N.E. Ship making a N.N.W.  
course log has given us 5 and  
6 miles a large steamer passed  
us at 3 a.m. bound for New  
York Our distance today is 118  
miles Latitude 28.55 Longitude 37.19 about 2000 miles from  
Leork

Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> 94 days  
We still have the trades or a con-  
tinuation of them and ship is  
in 30.08 and 38.20 very light  
winds all day long with every  
thing set all we could get  
out of her was 83 miles  
have had light rain showers at  
times during the day This evening



while Mrs Goodwin and myself  
were taking a little walk on  
the main deck we heard  
some noise forward took a  
walk up to investigate and  
found the boat swain and  
one of the sailors having a  
little scrap it did not amount  
to much and was soon over  
the Boat swain took back water  
and cried baby. Our officers don't  
amount to much but are  
lucky to get along as well as  
we have

Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> 95 days out  
moderate breeze all this day from  
N.E. to E.N.E. - fine pleasant  
weather. With every thing set  
throughout the day have made  
121 miles Our course has  
been E.N.E. Ship braced  
sharp up on the wind  
Lat 32° 05' Longitude 38° 55'

Monday September 20<sup>th</sup> 96 days out  
Our Latitude today is 34° 46' Longitude  
39° 20' have made 162 miles  
Brisk breeze from N.E. by E. to  
E.N.E. Ship has been making  
a N.N.E. course. We want  
to get a chance now to make  
our lastings up but the  
wind won't seem to let us  
If we had been bound to  
New York with the chance  
we have had would have  
done it inside of 100 days.  
I wonder where the St David  
is today. Passed a bark steering  
South. My shower bath which  
I take every morning is getting  
very cool I don't know how  
much longer I shall be  
able to keep it up I have  
been getting up at 6 every morning  
and time myself for an hour  
and half walk in the evening



Tuesday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 97 days at sea  
From noon until 8 pm fine breeze  
from E by N. Ship making 8 miles  
by log course N by E. every stitch  
of canvas on her. Latter part of  
the day wind died down so that  
the log only gives her 5 + 6 miles  
wind from the East which lets  
us head up a little better  
Ship now making a N.N.E. course  
We have made 178 miles this day  
which puts us in 37.34 - 39.26 or  
about in the latitude of Philadelphia  
so you see what a fine passage  
we would make if bound to  
the U.S. and had this same  
channel. Our true course for  
look from here is N. 47° E  
and the distance is 1560 miles  
Dolphins have been playing  
around the ship all day but  
would not touch a hook. I spent  
the afternoon on the jibboom with  
a harpoon but did not get  
any hit one but he got away

Our hens have commenced to  
lay again and out of six hens  
we get two and three eggs a day  
Walked for an hour and half  
this evening and then played  
cards until eleven o'clock. It is  
getting a little cool to sit on  
deck in the evening now

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 98 days out  
Only 100 miles to our credit this  
24 hours and that is mostly  
northern, I trust this wind  
will soon change so as we  
can make our course  
The log has registered during  
the day 5.6.3.2 miles latter  
part of day very near a dead  
calm Latitude 39.14 Longitude  
39.37 Four mast ship and a  
small Brig in sight bound  
East Have just finished my  
mail on deck Will say good  
bye for today Every body well



and expecting to get in port  
in about 8 days from now  
107 days

Thursday 23 September 99 days out  
Latitude this day  $40^{\circ} 06'$ , Longitude  $37^{\circ} 57'$ ,  
days run 92 miles. We are in about the  
same latitude as Sandy Hook. I hope  
we will soon get a good breeze  
as this drifting along 100 miles per  
day will spoil our good passage.  
First part of this day very light air  
from South to S. S. W., latter part of  
the day wind shifted in a rain  
squall to North, All sail set this day.  
I have been at work today making  
a set of blocks for the model that  
the sailor is making for me.  
Took my last shower bath this  
morning the air and water were  
getting too cool for me. Thermom-  
eter registered 60. I shall miss  
them very much. I must not  
forget to mention our cook and

steward. I think they are the best  
pair that was ever aboard of a  
sailing ship. Captain Goodwin says  
they are the best he ever had.  
They are fine cooks and very  
economical make the beef, pork  
etc last longer than any other cook  
he has had. The cook had been  
in the Babcock and Henry Villard.  
I think it is money saved to hold  
on to such men if you can even  
if you have to pay them more  
wages as there can be a lot  
wasted in the galley of a ship.  
I am going to give you the  
cabin bill of fare also bill of  
fare for crew we have the  
same things every week and  
know just what is coming  
on the table, but every thing is  
very tasty.

Cabin bill of fare —  
Sunday breakfast — Ham, hot cakes with  
maple syrup, potatoes,



hot biscuits and coffee

Dinner { Soup of some kind, chicken  
potatoes, asparagus, and  
dessert which is always  
duff and coffee for Sunday

Supper { learned goods of some  
kind, hash, canned  
fruits and cake and  
tea

Monday breakfast { Mush, tongues and  
scones, hot biscuits &  
coffee

Dinner { Pea soup, canned meat  
of some kind, potatoes  
and for dessert coffee  
and some kind of  
fruit pie

Supper { cold meat of some  
sort, fried potatoes  
apple sauce, cake and  
tea

Tuesday breakfast Halibut fins, potatoes  
hot biscuits and coffee

Dinner. Soup, salt beef, baked

beans and brown bread, dessert  
pudding of some kind and  
coffee

Supper { cold salt beef, cold  
beans, fried potatoes  
cake of some kind  
and tea

Wednesday breakfast { Tripe, potatoes, oat  
meal fritters, fried  
onions, soda biscuits  
and coffee

Dinner { Soup, Lobster curry  
salt beef, potatoes and  
for dessert fruit pie  
and coffee

Supper { Fish balls, baked potatoes  
stewed prunes, some  
kind of cake and tea

Thursday breakfast { Bacon, hot cakes with  
maple syrup, fried  
onions, hot muffins  
and coffee

Dinner. <sup>Soup</sup> Curry meat and rice  
potatoes, onions, for



desert fruit pie and coffee

Thursday Supper { Hash of some  
kind, and some  
kind of canned  
fruit, cake and  
tea

Friday breakfast. Mush. Salmon  
{ bellies, baked potatoes  
hot biscuits and  
coffee

Dinner { Soup, cold corn beef,  
macaroni, and  
some kind of canned  
goods, desert duff  
and coffee

Supper { Cold meat, hash,  
apple sauce, potatoes  
cake and tea

Saturday breakfast Mush. Salt fish  
or Trindon Haddock  
{ potatoes, hot biscuits  
and coffee

— Bill of fare for crew —

Sunday breakfast. Stew, bread, coffee

Dinner. { Fresh meat, potatoes  
bread and duff

Supper { Salt beef ginger bread  
apple sauce and tea

Monday breakfast Mush bread + coffee

Dinner - { Pea soup, salt beef,  
potatoes + bread

Supper - { Hash of some sort  
bread + tea

Tuesday breakfast Stew, bread + coffee

Dinner { Baked beans, salt  
pork, bread + pickles

Supper Hash, bread + tea

Wednesday breakfast Mush. bread + coffee

Dinner { Salt beef, rice,  
potatoes, bread,

Supper - Hash bread + tea

Thursday breakfast Stew +, bread, coffee

Dinner { Salt beef, potatoes,  
bread + duff

Supper { Beef or salt fish  
apple sauce, bread,  
and tea



Friday breakfast { mush, bread  
and coffee  
and at times  
hash

Dinner { Baked beans, pork,  
pickles & bread  
potatoes

Supper Hash, bread & tea

Saturday breakfast - stew bread, coffee

Dinner { pea soup, headfish  
potatoes & bread

Supper Hash, bread & tea

commenced to give the sailors lime  
juice 15 days out of San Francisco  
a glass full mixed up with  
sugar and water once a day  
They had the choice of lime  
juice or coffee at noon for  
dinner in cold weather  
They most all preferred coffee

Friday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 100 days out -

We have reached the number of days with  
three figures in it, and still about 1200  
miles from our port. This day only  
gives us 117 miles and puts us in  
40° 46' - 35° 32'. The day came in with  
fine clear weather but very little wind  
Ship steering E. 3/4 S. wind from  
South and South west, log gives  
us up to this time 4 miles per  
hour with every thing set

From midnight until noon wind  
very unsteady stay overcast and  
frequent rain squalls, ship  
steering E. 3/4 S. with the wind  
from N. to N. N. E. - Hauled sky sails  
royals and stay sails, making 5x6  
miles by log. Every body at work  
getting ship ready for port and  
she will look very well, if we  
don't get a gale of wind, and  
start the rust running again  
We have got a ladder stretched  
across where the bridge is broken



down. I hear that our Ex mate  
Mr. Baxter is going to try and  
make trouble also claim wages  
I don't think he can  
do anything or get any more  
than sailors wages, if he  
does it will be an outrage  
I believe he made a voyage  
with Captain Graham. The  
old carpenter says he is going  
to try and make trouble  
but he can't do anything. He  
is an old impostor getting \$40.  
per month and can't keep a  
plank straight. The Captain  
choked him a little one day  
but he drew a hatchet at him  
a cut side of this we have not.  
had any trouble with our crew.  
It is getting quite late just struck  
6 bells 11 o'clock, so I guess  
I will say good night and  
turn in for the night.

Saturday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 10.1 days at sea  
Latitude this day 41.43. Longitude 33.34.  
Distance only 95 miles. From noon  
until 6 p.m. light breeze, cloudy with  
rain showers, wind from North and  
west. Log gives her only 3 miles  
per hour all sail set. From midnight  
until noon raining and squally, weather  
looks threatening. Winds S.W. - South and  
E.S.E. Ship steering East. Log gives her  
during the last 12 hours 4.5.7. and 8  
miles per hour. Handed the sky sails  
and stay sails 10 a.m. - Barometer  
is going down quite fast. Weather  
cool

Sunday Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 10.2 days out  
Wind has increased and is blowing  
quite fresh and very unsteady from  
S.S.E. Handed the Royals at 1 p.m.  
Ship making and East course. Log  
gives her 8 & 9 miles per hour. This  
morning I went on deck at 4 o'clock  
there was a light ahead on our



she proved to be a large  
English ship we were running  
up on her very fast. She was  
steering the same course as we  
were. We passed him before  
morning about 3 miles an hour  
and at four o'clock in  
the afternoon he was out of sight  
astern of us. I tried the old  
Dirigo for a few hours during  
different part of the day, and  
at times she was making 12  
miles per hour, and an English  
friend could not hold a candle  
to her. In fact we have passed  
every thing we have run across  
so far on this voyage, give her  
a plenty of wind and the yards  
not checked in too much, and  
she will hold her own with  
the most of them. The latter part  
of the day the royals and staysails  
were set but at 10 am wind  
had increased and quite a sea

running hundred royals & staysails  
blowing a good stiff breeze from  
S. S. E. Ship steering East. Log has  
given her through different parts of  
the day 8-9-10-11 & 12 miles per  
hour. Barometer still going down  
sky looks muddy and overcast.  
We are North of Bath today, Latitude  
44° 25', Longitude 29° 30'. I am pleased  
to report a good days run. The  
last 24 hours 243 miles, it  
would take just four days like  
this to put us in port. Will  
say good night and turn in.

Monday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 103 days out  
Latitude this day 45° 12'. Longitude 26° 34'.  
Our run is 135 miles. First part of day  
quite a strong breeze from the South.  
Ship steering E by S 1/2 S. Log gives  
her 4 & 5 miles per hour at 6 pm  
handed top-gallant sails. Middle part  
of day heavy rain sheet lightning  
almost a dead calm. Sky looked



very treacherous with barometer falling  
Captain Goodwin is making preparation  
for a gale of wind also a sudden  
change 8 am hauled fore and  
mizzen topsails and put a reef  
in main topsail also in fore  
sail. Wind shifted to West and  
then N.W.W. and came out  
the latter part of day from the  
North and blew a gale of wind  
Ship under three lower topsails  
a reefed fore sail making 6 miles  
by log In the morning it let up  
a little set a reefed mizzen and  
main top-sail shook the reef out  
of foresail fine clear weather  
quite cold started a fire in the cabin  
stove this day

Tuesday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 104 days out  
Latitude 45.54 Longitude 23.24  
Distance 141 miles. From noon  
until 4 p.m. fine clear weather  
strong breeze from North ship steering

E.S.E. and making 5 + 6 miles by  
log 2 p.m. set main sail and  
cross jack and reefed fore top-sail  
11 p.m. set main top-gallant sail  
From midnight until 4 a.m.  
fresh breeze 5 a.m. set mizzen  
top-gallant sails, very heavy swell  
from the north running weather  
cloudy and looks threatening  
Passed tea Barks this afternoon  
one had lost his fore top-gallant  
mast, guess he must have  
got caught yesterday, The other  
Bark was steering about the  
same way we were, we  
had very little trouble in  
passing her and she was  
soon hull down

Wednesday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 105 days out  
I'm reading up on different sail-  
ing directions on this voyage  
for this time of year I find  
we will make a fine passage



if we arrive inside of 110 days  
which I think we can do now  
we are only 25 days north of  
the Equator today which is  
fast time for this time of  
year. We were luck to catch  
good trades and they carried  
us well north. I think it  
would do Captain Goodwin lots  
of good if you or the firm  
would write him a good  
congratulatory letter. He says you  
talked to him very severe  
in Trisco and has brooded  
over it. The whole passage  
This day puts us in  $46^{\circ}53'$   $19^{\circ}54'$   
with a run of 157 miles. The day  
opened with fine clear weather  
fresh breeze from North ship steering  
E. S. E. and making by log  
8 + 9 miles 2 o'clock set royals  
and top-gallant staysails  
and at 5 am took in royals  
and top-gallant staysails, wind

increased a little and a very  
heavy swell coming down on  
our beam - at 5 am set royals  
and top-gallant staysails and  
at 10 a.m. set sky sails, ringtail  
gaff-top sail making all sail  
set on the ship and log giving  
her 8 miles per hour  
wind from North ship steering  
E. N. E.

Thursday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 106 days

This is the last day of September and at  
noon we were just 240 miles from  
Cape Behar. If this wind will only  
hold out for another 24 hours we  
will sight the light tomorrow night  
Ship has made 215 miles the last 24  
hours which puts us in  $48^{\circ}16'$   $14^{\circ}35'$   
Log has registered 8.9. & 10 miles all day  
long. Our course has been E by S  $1/2$  S  
with the wind from N. N. W. From  
noon until 10 p.m. fine clear weather  
with a good breeze all sail set



after midnight the wind had increased quite a little and a heavy beam swell running, all the light sails were hauled in. In the morning at 8 a.m. set main royal and all stay sails at 9 a.m. set fore and mizzen royal. Weather clear, quite puffy with an occasional rain shower. Will say good night, go to bed and pray for this wind to stay with us for 24 hours longer —

October 1<sup>st</sup> and 107 days at sea. Evidently my prayer was not heard from the looks of things this morning. When I went on deck at half past 6 I found very light airs from the North. Ship steering East. Log giving her 3 + 4 miles per hour. Weather very cloudy. From midnight until 6 a.m. little more wind, going about 5 miles per hour. Latter part of day dead calm, all sail set this day. We can use up a week

or 10 days very easy at this rate, especially if the wind should come out ahead. We sighted a number of vessels and steamers today. Our Lat is  $49^{\circ}07'$  Longitude  $12^{\circ}07'$  Distance only 109 miles in the whole 24 hours. I trust she may report herself inside of 110 days as it will be too bad to spoil a good passage at this late date when so near our destination. With a little breeze we would sight Cape Bear tomorrow but one can't tell what to expect. Will say good night and trust to luck for a good breeze during the night.

Saturday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 108 days out. Same old story today, only worse and more of it. With full sail set and a fair wind we have to our credit the last 24 hours 100 miles latitude  $50^{\circ}07'$  Longitude  $10^{\circ}19'$ , which puts us unless our chronometer is off 76 miles from



leape clear light and about 170  
miles from shore. What little wind  
we have is from the S.W. middle  
part of the day heavy rains and  
latter part very nasty weather, thick  
as mud and we have our fog  
horn going. The fog lifted up a  
little this morning and we were  
very near a large steamer on  
our port bow also saw on  
our starboard bow a large ship  
bound out and two steamers  
right astern of us, it shut  
down thick again and we are  
going along about 3 miles per  
hour. Captain Goodwin did not  
get a sight today, the sun did  
not show itself. We cast the lead  
at 12 o'clock and could not get bottom  
with 80 fathoms of line. The chart  
gives 76 fathoms where we are  
today.

Sunday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 109 days at sea -  
From noon until 3 p.m. fresh breeze with all  
sail set, wind N.W. Ship course E by N, log gives  
her 7 + 8 miles per hour. We hope to come to  
anchor in Queenstown today. I have been  
keeping this journal sea time so today  
is from Saturday noon to Sunday noon.  
The captain and I have been up all night.  
We did not make for Leape clear light  
but made strait for Galley Head light  
which we sighted at 11 p.m., and at  
1 o'clock sighted King Sale head light.  
We were right among a lot of fishermen  
during the night and could see lights  
all around us. 4 a.m. we are about  
20 miles off Roche Point burning  
blue light for pilot, at daylight  
we were a few miles off the land  
and about 9 miles from Queenstown.  
The wind came out ahead and we  
tacked ship twice during the night.  
Sighted pilot boat Calumbe at 6.30 a.m.  
not much like the Frisco boats, 7 a.m.  
pilot just came on board, the first thing



he did was to beg for tobacco and beef  
& pork. They are a half starved lot,  
only get 22 shillings a week salary  
some difference from the San-  
Francisco pilots who get about  
\$50. per week. There are a number  
of large steamers passing out  
of the harbor. Campanica just  
passed us. Shall have to tow in  
as we have a head wind and  
the entrance to the harbor is  
very narrow. They have a regular  
tariff, 8.30 the side wheel tow boat  
Flying Sportsman is along side  
He has taken us in tow, we use  
his hawser the rate 15¢ - 11 a.m.  
have just let our anchor go, making  
fine passage of 109 days. I think  
the old Dirigo has beaten the fleet  
I see by the papers that the Hamble  
fleet have all made good passages  
especially *Susquehanna*. I see you  
have a new man in her. I am  
sorry that this ship could not have

had a 30° freight. Shearwater will  
strike it just right. I see freights  
have advanced to 32.6<sup>00</sup> and that  
on the strength of it you have  
purchased material for a ship. We have  
all been ashore called on the Consul  
Mr. Sweeney he has only arrived  
here a short time ago, an old  
neighbor of Mr. Winleys who asked him  
if he did not want to take a  
trip abroad for a few years  
We found him very pleasant also  
Mr. Scott the Vice Consul a native  
of Queestown, an a fine old Irish  
gentleman. We will make his  
office our head quarters while here  
He tells us they will keep us all  
our lay days which will be fine  
days from Sunday noon. The Consul  
has his flag flying in honor of  
the only American vessel in the  
harbor and gave us a good supply  
of all the late U.S. papers, I see  
our favorite is a little stronger than



when I left home

Monday Oct 4<sup>th</sup>

We took lunch with Mr Scott today, he has a fine place very large and beautiful grounds with a house for his lodge keeper to live in, and a nice steam yacht anchored in front of his house. We had a fine lunch they are very pleasant people. his family is composed of wife and three daughters, very fine young ladies, we had some fine music after lunch, all the young ladies play on the violin and sing. after lunch we took a drive around the island it takes three hours every thing looks green and fine here, but they tell me they have lost their potato crop, it is like our fine weather here today but they say it is warm for this time of year. It is a very quaint

little town built on the side of a hill all stone houses, and facing a beautiful land locked harbor with a number of men of war and tramp steamers at anchor, the old Diriga looks about as good as any of them with the good old flag flying at her gigger. The first mail leaves on Thursday so I shall have plenty of time to mail my letters.

Tuesday Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

We had a call from the Consul this afternoon also a number of prominent Irish gentlemen they thought the Diriga a fine ship. I have been spending the day reading the N.Y. papers I see that business looks a little better through the country, and that you are having another war scare, stocks I see are quite firm, and a great improvement



in freight. Wednesday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> we find  
we have to mail our letters today,  
it closes today but leaves tomorrow.  
I tried to purchase a chart of the  
world here, but could not get  
one, still get one from the  
next port. They have opened our  
hatches and sent a sample of  
the grain to the owners. The hatches  
opened fine not a particle of  
damage we could see and  
I expect to see her turn out  
a perfect cargo.

Frank

Some of the ships that the  
Dirigo bested on this passage  
They sailed about the time she did

St David { sailed the same time  
The Dirigo did bound for  
New York 118 da

Crown of Denmark { Crown of Denmark British  
Ship of 1987 tons registers sailed  
from San Francisco July 13 for  
Queensdown

Sea Farer { Sea Farer British Ship of 2163 T  
Sailed from San Francisco June  
5<sup>th</sup> arrived Lpool Oct 29  
146 days

Waterloo { 1792<sup>T</sup>  
Sailed from Vancouver May 27  
for Greenwich arrived Oct 23  
149 days on passage

P.S. This is only a few of the  
number the Dirigo has bested  
over



on this passage, she has bested  
them all and made  
the best passage that has  
been made from S<sup>W</sup> to  
Queensdown in a long while  
And on the voyage there was  
not a vessel that passed  
us We spoke the Waterloo and  
and ran her out of sight



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